## **Introduced by Assembly Member Cook**

(Coauthor: Senator Battin)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Relative to CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton Memorial Highway.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 10, as introduced, Cook. CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 10 from the Beaumont Avenue/Highway Route 79 exit to the Sunset Avenue Exit, in the County of Riverside, as the CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Department of Forestry and Fire
- 2 Protection (CDF) Firefighter Chris Kanton, at 23 years of age,
- passed away in the line of duty on Saturday, August 6, 2005, in
- 4 the County of Riverside; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Responding to storm-related accidents, CDF
- 6 Firefighter Chris Kanton was traveling in a CDF fire engine on
- 7 State Highway Route 10 east of State Highway Route 60 when
- 8 the engine left the highway and traveled down a steep embankment,
- 9 struck several trees, and came to rest on the roadway below; and

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WHEREAS, CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton, after graduating from high school in 2000 in Paso Robles, California, attended and graduated from the Allan Hancock Fire Academy in Santa Maria, California; and

WHEREAS, CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton subsequently completed HAZMAT training and served on the HAZMAT team at Station 81 in Bermuda Dunes and other locations as a full-time firefighter; and

WHEREAS, CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton was transferred to Station 58 in Moreno Valley, where he served as a Firefighter II; and

WHEREAS, CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton's love and passion for firefighting is exemplified by the numerous certifications he achieved throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton was a loving son, husband, brother, and friend to many; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton to the people of California and designates the portion of State Highway Route 10 from the Beaumont Avenue/Highway Route 79 exit to the Sunset Avenue Exit, in the County of Riverside, as the CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.